

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Shirley Taylor-Prakelt, Director
Housing & Community Development, 797-1199

SUBJECT: Grant Application for 2005 CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Townwide

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE'S GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2005 CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS TO BROWARD COUNTY, WHO MUST COLLECTIVELY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION REPRESENTING ALL MUNICIPALITIES, TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA); AND, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN'S DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS, TO PREPARE ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS, HOUSING PLANS, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISASTER RECOVERY HOUSING INITIATIVES.

REPORT IN BRIEF: Public Law 109-148, approved on December 30, 2005, allocated funds for the "2005 Disaster Recovery Initiative". DCA is administering this program on behalf of the State of Florida; and, Broward County is slated to receive \$22,163,887. DCA is requiring that each County serve as the lead agency to submit a county-wide application on behalf of all eligible municipalities within their jurisdiction. The County asked each municipality to prepare and submit their grant application documents by August 4th, as they must submit the County-wide application to DCA by August 18th.

Two (2) meetings were held by Broward County to finalize the allocation distribution process; and, on July 24th a formula was developed that would yield \$3,309,741 to the Town. Davie sustained the greatest number of damaged units, destroyed mobile homes, and uninsured disaster victims @ 1,328 residential units; yet, Davie did not receive the proportionate share of the Disaster Recovery funds based on this data.

In the face of the impending deadline, we agreed to accept the portion of the funds allocated under a new formula, which was not based solely on actual hurricane damage e.g. included citywide low-income criteria. We agreed to move forward with the application process out of respect for the other municipalities who also legitimately sustained Hurricane Damage, and in order to get any funds to assist our residents who are in desperate need of recovery.

The Town is still struggling to rehouse displaced Hurricane Wilma victims, as there is little to no comparable affordable replacement housing units available. The rental vacancy rate is extremely low due to recent condo conversions; and, landlords are capitalizing on the demand for units by raising their rents. Most of Davie's 832 mobile homes effected by Wilma were completely destroyed, and the residents were permanently displaced. Sadly, the majority of the residents were low-income families and the elderly and/or disabled, who were uninsured. They lost everything.

The Town's 2005 Disaster Recovery Initiative Housing Projects may include, but are not limited to: rehabilitation, relocation, demolition/ replacement, and new construction of affordable housing, transitional housing, and complementary housing activities such as restoration of safe and sanitary water and/or sewer services. Local governments are encouraged to give special consideration to the unmet housing needs of the elderly, people with disabilities, the homeless, and persons living in poverty. These funds may not be used for a project or activity which was underway prior to the Presidential Disaster Declaration, unless the disaster directly impacted the project.

CONCURRENCES: All local governments will have to develop a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS); and a Housing Assistance Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Town will receive \$3,309,741; and, there is no local match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Adopt the Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S): Summary of Hurricane Wilma Damage/Destruction

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE'S GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2005 CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS TO BROWARD COUNTY, WHO MUST COLLECTIVELY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION REPRESENTING ALL MUNICIPALITIES, TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA); AND, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN'S DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS, TO PREPARE ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS, HOUSING PLANS, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISASTER RECOVERY HOUSING INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, Public Law 109-148, approved on December 30, 2005, allocated funds for the "2005 Disaster Recovery Initiative, and the Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA) is administering this program on behalf of the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, DCA is requiring that each County serve as the lead agency to submit a county-wide application on behalf of all eligible municipalities within their jurisdiction, and Broward County is slated to receive \$22,163,887; and

WHEREAS, Davie's rental vacancy rate is extremely low due to recent condo conversions, and landlords are capitalizing on the demand for units by raising their rents; and

WHEREAS, Most of the 832 mobile homes were completely destroyed, and the residents were permanently displaced. Sadly, the majority of these residents were low-income families, the elderly and/or disabled, who were uninsured lost everything; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Davie sustained the greatest number of damaged/destroyed units in the County @ 1,328 residential units, and the Town is still struggling to rehouse displaced Hurricane Wilma victims as there is little to no comparable affordable replacement housing units available; and

WHEREAS, The Town does not concur with the County's distribution formula for the 2005 Disaster Recovery Initiative, as Davie sustained the greatest number of damaged units, destroyed mobile homes, and uninsured disaster victims, yet did not receive the proportionate share of the funds based on this data; and

WHEREAS, Although the Town does not feel the County's formula properly allocated the Disaster Funds based on actual Hurricane damage sustained within the municipalities, we agreed to move forward with the

County's process given the impending deadline to DCA and so as to not injure other municipalities who legitimately sustained Hurricane Damage; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Housing and Community Development Department has done an outstanding job of assisting uninsured, disabled, elderly, and other at-risk Davie residents displaced by Hurricane Wilma, despite the lack of adequate financial resources or manpower; however, without the 2005 CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds, the Town is unable to recover from this disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. Town's Director of Housing and Community Development is authorized to submit Davie's Grant Application for 2005 CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds to Broward County, who must collectively submit an application representing all municipalities to the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) by August 18, 2006.

SECTION 2. The Town's Director of Housing and Community Development is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Town in all matters related to the grant application process, to prepare all necessary grant documents, housing plans, programs and projects, etc., necessary for the implementation of disaster recovery housing initiatives.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2006.

MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2006.

Town of Davie
Summary of Hurricane Wilma Damage/Destruction

Red-Tagged Units

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| 55 | Single Family Homes |
| 386 | Multi-Family (Condo's Townhomes) |
| 55 | Units Rental Housing |
| 832 | Mobile Homes – Destroyed |
| <u>14</u> | Commercial Properties |
| 1,432 | |

Roofs Damaged or Destroyed

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| 3,442 | Permits for Re-Roofs – Residential |
| <u>79</u> | Permits for Re-Roofs – Commercial |
| 3,521 | |

Additional Compromised Mobiles Homes

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| 100+ | Roofs Breached – Mold/Mildew Now Uninhabitable |
| <u>1,400</u> | Estimated Repairs Needed (Held Together With Blue Tarps/Duct Tape/Plywood) |
| 1,500 | |

Red Cross Shelters Operated

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| 210 Beds | Potter Park Facility – Eastside |
| 56 Beds | Church – Davie Road Extension - Driftwood |

6,453 Units Damaged/Destroyed/Compromised in Davie

3,580 Initial Homeless Estimates

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